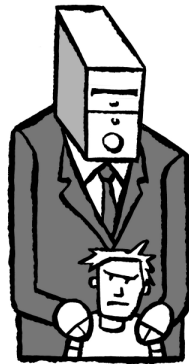




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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Nominations open for Big Brother Awards 2006**

The Australian Privacy Foundation, the leading non-government organisation dedicated to protecting the privacy rights of Australians, today called for nominations for Australia's annual *Big Brother Awards*, affectionately known as the 'Orwells'.

The awards are for corporations, public officials and governments that have shown a blatant disregard for privacy. The award categories include Greatest Corporate Invader, Worst Public Agency or Official, Most Invasive Technology, Lifetime Menace, and People's Choice. Last year's winners included Telstra, the NSW Government and Senator Amanda Vanstone.

The awards also feature categories for individuals who have made a major positive contribution to protecting the privacy of Australians. Past winners have included politicians Senator Natasha Stott-Despoja, and ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope.

"The protection of privacy is serious business. Respect for people's personal information and their private space is an essential element of the trust needed to sustain relationships in this 'Information Age'", said Anna Johnston, Chair of the Australian Privacy Foundation.

"But the Orwells allow us to show the lighter side of human rights work, while also highlighting the need for more public debate about initiatives which have negative privacy impacts."

Nominations will be accepted from members of the public until **31 October 2006**. To make a nomination or read more about the categories, go to [www.privacy.org.au/bba](http://www.privacy.org.au/bba).

The winners of the Orwells will be announced in November.

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